

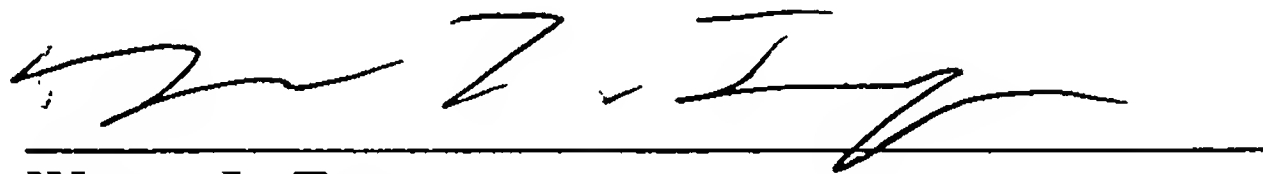
## REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 3-4, 6-7, 10, 13, 15, 22-23, 26-38, 42-44 and 46-55 have been canceled. Claims 9, 14, 39-41 and 45 have been amended. Claims 1, 2, 5, 8-9, 11-12, 14, 16, 17-21, 24-25, 39-41 and 45 remain in the application for further prosecution. It is the Applicants' belief that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance and action towards that effect is respectfully requested.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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